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#### WINNIPEG BOARD OF TRADE.

At the meeting last week of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, the retiring president, Mr. E. L. Drewry, gave a voluminous address, which we have referred to elsewhere, and paid a high compliment to the labors of the secretary, Mr. C. N. Bell. After the treasurer's report, Mr. Strang, had been received and adopted, the election of officers took place. Mr. D. K. Elliott, vice-president, was chosen to the presidency; Mr. John Galt was elected vice-president; the treasurer and secretary were re-elected. The Council is as follows: E. L. Drewry, J. H. Ashdown, W. Hespeler, D. W. Bole, J. Maw, W. L. Parrish, W. Georgeson, G. F. Carruthers, J. Robertson, M. Bayley, D. E. Sprague, John Stovel, William Whyte, J. Mc-Kechnie, William Brydon, F. W. Thomp-

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Regarding the Chamber of Commerce, a resolution similar to the one passed by the Toronto Board of Trade was passed.

The report of the council for 1899 was treated exhaustively; a number of matters, such as the Kettle River Valley Railway, Insolvency Legislation, Manitoba hotel fire, vacant lands work, water route from Winnipeg to Hudson's Bay, pure bred swine, fourth congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, technical education, export statistics, grain matters, discrimination in lake freight rates, illustration farms, metric system of weights and measures, undervaluation and false invoices, improvement of St. Andrew's Rapids, and the Pacific cable.

INGERSOLL has formed a Taxpayers' Association, which will try to do the work of a Board of Trade, and in addition take a deep interest in municipal elections.

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